

REP. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

end of term report



Friend,

It's been an honor to serve you and the Hudson Valley in the 115th Congress. In the last two years, I've continued to work with all my colleagues – Democrat and Republican – to get things done despite the Washington gridlock.

I think that all elected officials should be transparent and accountable – that's why, at the end of each Congress, I compile a comprehensive end-of-term report, which includes everything I've gotten done since taking office.

I'm proud to have passed over 30 pieces of legislation into law. These bills cover a lot of pressing issues facing our communities and our country: combatting the opioid and heroin epidemic, protecting our farmers and older Americans, making our country safer, and ensuring our veterans get their hard-earned benefits.

But some of the most important work I do is at home in the Hudson Valley. My office has worked tirelessly to cut through bureaucratic red tape to return millions of dollars in earned benefits to more than 6,000 hardworking taxpayers, seniors, and veterans.

We've gotten a ton done, but that doesn't mean our work is over yet. I'm looking forward to serving you in the 116th Congress and I hope to continue hearing your ideas about how to bring our country together, work across the aisle, and tackle the most pressing issues facing our families today.

If I can be of service, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Gratefully,



Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress

115TH CONGRESS:

**SECURED \$12 MILLION
IN FUNDING TO BRING
CLEAN WATER TO
HOPEWELL JUNCTION**



**SECURED OVER
\$5 MILLION FOR
VETERANS
HOUSING**



**KILLED THE
ANCHORAGES
PROPOSAL**



**SECURED OVER
\$3 MILLION
FOR DRUG
PREVENTION
EFFORTS IN
THE HUDSON
VALLEY**



**HELD OVER 100
IN-PERSON,
ONLINE &
TELEPHONE
TOWN HALLS**



**PASSED
OVER 30
BILLS
INTO LAW**

RECORD OF SUCCESS

Getting things done in the Hudson Valley:

Returned \$18 million to taxpayers who were owed Social Security checks and tax refunds, including over \$8 million in veterans benefits

Helped over 6,000 people with cases involving Social Security, Medicare, the IRS, and the Veterans Administration, including over 1,700 veterans

Killed the anchorages proposal, which would have turned the Hudson River into a parking lot for over 40 oil barges

Hosted over 80 “Speak with Sean” in-person town halls and neighborhood office hours

Secured 220 service medals including Congressional Gold Medals, Legions of Merit, Bronze Stars, and Purple Hearts

Held over 30 telephone and online town halls

Hosted dozens of events, including over two dozen veterans’ medal ceremonies and jobs & resource fairs, over a dozen small and local business tours, law enforcement resources forum, EPA Superfund tour with Judith Enck, two anti-bullying summits, human trafficking workshop, and many more

Getting things done despite Washington gridlock:

Passed 45 pieces of legislation through the House of Representatives, including 31 signed into law

Introduced over 100 pieces of legislation and amendments and cosponsored over 1,000 bills

96% vote attendance record

SECURED KEY INVESTMENTS FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY

Rep. Maloney has worked closely with local and state officials to secure federal investments. These bipartisan partnerships have helped deliver much-needed investments to grow our economy, create jobs, fight crime and combat the heroin and opioid epidemic. Rep. Maloney has successfully fought for nearly **\$167 million in federal investments, some of these highlights include:**

\$7.4 million to protect a dozen firefighting jobs at the Newburgh Fire Department

\$1.6 million for runway rehabilitation and safety improvements at Stewart Airport

\$12,000,000 for clean water for 325 homes in Hopewell Junction

\$200,000 for Village of Wappingers Falls for Superfund planning

\$5.3 million for Hudson River Housing and WestCOP to combat veteran homelessness

\$1,900,000 for railroad crossing safety improvements

\$1,500,000 for local & regional assistance/crime prevention for Orange County

\$625,000 for the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department to hire new police officers and acquire new safety equipment

\$3.8 million to combat drug abuse in Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties

SINCE JANUARY 2013, REP. MALONEY HAS AUTHORED & PASSED 45 PIECES OF LEGISLATION THROUGH THE HOUSE, 31 OF WHICH HAVE BECOME LAW:

Keeping Promises to Our Veterans and Military Personnel

The Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act, included in the VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2013. Signed into law in December 2013, the bill enables the VA to contract outside physicians to conduct medical exams and help alleviate the backlog at the VA.

The Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act. Signed into law in December 2015, the bill lowers the unacceptably-high unemployment rate of combat disabled veterans by reforming the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. The bill is supported by the American Legion, the VFW, the IAVA, VetsFirst, Paralyzed Veterans of America and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).

Air Traffic Controller Hiring Improvement Act. Included as a part of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act and signed into law in July of 2016, this bill works to improve the hiring and staffing of air traffic controllers at the FAA.

Disabled Veterans Student Loan Protection Act. Included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act Conference Report, this bill reduces the burden on veterans to ensure their federal student loans are discharged.

The Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act, included in the VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2015. Signed into law again in September 2015, the bill enables the VA to contract outside physicians to conduct medical exams on service members in order to alleviate the current backlog at the VA.

The Appropriate Care for Disabled Veterans Act. Included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act Conference Report and signed into law in September 2016, the bill extends a mandate that the VA report to Congress its capacity for specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans.

Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act. Passed into law as an amendment to the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act in September of 2016, the bill enables the VA to use contract physicians to conduct medical disability exams in order to help alleviate the current backlog at the VA.

REP. MALONEY LEGISLATION PASSED INTO LAW:



Protecting Servicemembers from Debt Collectors Act. Included in the fiscal year 2017 NDAA passed in May of 2016, this provision protects active duty service members from harsh debt collection techniques.

Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act. Signed into law again in December 2017, the bill enables the VA to contract outside physicians to conduct medical disability exams in order to help alleviate the current backlog at the VA.

Protecting Our Water and Investing in Our Infrastructure

The Investing in Testing Act. Signed into law in November of 2017, this bill requires the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to conduct a federal study into the long-term health effects of PFOS/PFOA exposure in response to water contamination concerns in Newburgh.

Anchorage Prohibition. Passed as an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill in 2017, this provision would prohibit the U.S. Coast Guard from establishing any anchorages along the Hudson River between Yonkers and Kingston.

The Dam Safety Act, included in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Signed into law in June 2014, the bill reauthorizes the National Dam Safety Program and provides infrastructure investment funds for states to use when conducting dam inspections, purchasing equipment, and developing Emergency Action Plans.

Rail Safety Enforcement Act, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act. Signed into law in December 2014, the bill requires the Federal Railroad Administration to review current implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC), simple Wi-Fi and GPS technology that helps control the speed of trains and keep passengers safe.

The Safe Bridges Investment Act of 2015. Signed into law in December 2015, the bill provides counties and municipalities with the funds they desperately need to fix aging and deficient bridges by opening up billions of dollars in federal highway funds for New York.

REP. MALONEY LEGISLATION PASSED INTO LAW:



The Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Act of 2015. Signed into law in December 2015, the bill helps states and communities make safety upgrades at dangerous highway-rail grade crossings.

The Passenger Train Derailment Prevention Act of 2015. Signed into law in December 2015, the bill requires passenger railroads and freight lines to identify high-hazard curves and take action to enhance safety at these junctures.

Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015. Signed into law in December 2015, the bill would allow for more efficient investment in crucial transportation and infrastructure projects around the country by creating a one-stop-shop within the U.S. DOT to facilitate public-private partnerships.

The Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act. Signed into law in December of 2016 as a part of the Water Infrastructure Investment for the Nation Act, the bill creates a \$445 million grant program to ensure states have the funding necessary to make critical safety upgrades and repairs to high-hazard dams that fail to meet minimum safety standards. New York State has the 8th most high hazard dams in the country totaling 403, with nearly 100 of those dams in the Hudson Valley.

The Dam Safety Reauthorization Act. Signed into law in October 2018 as part of the Water Resources Development Act, the legislation reauthorizes the National Dam Safety Program for 5 years and includes a variety of initiatives to protect Hudson Valley residents from over 100 “high hazard” dams in the area.

The Airplane KITS Act. Passed as part of the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, the legislation directs the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a rulemaking to ensure that aircraft medical kits contain appropriate medication and equipment to meet the emergency medical needs of children, including an epinephrine auto-injector.

REP. MALONEY LEGISLATION PASSED INTO LAW:



Fighting The Heroin and Opioid Epidemic

Opioid Review Modernization Act. Passed in May 2016, the bill helps address the current opioid abuse crisis by improving educational training for prescribing physicians and incentivizing the pharmaceutical industry to include anti-abuse properties in new medications.

Supporting our Farmers

The Creating Reliability for Our Producers (CROP) Act, included in the Farm Bill. The best-ever Farm Bill for the Hudson Valley includes Rep. Maloney's bipartisan, budget neutral CROP Act, which reforms the specialty crop insurance program by investing in the development of new and improved plans that better protect small, diversified family farms.

Support for Farmers in Black Dirt Region. To address local flooding issues in important agricultural areas of Orange County, the Farm Bill, which was signed into law in February 2014, includes language secured by Rep. Maloney directing the Secretary of Agriculture to work with producers whose operations contain muck soils like those in the Hudson Valley.

Other Legislative Initiatives

Tick-Borne Disease Research Accountability and Transparency Act of 2015. Signed into law in December 2016 as part of the updated 21st Century Cures Act, the bill creates an interagency working group – that includes doctors and patient advocates – tasked with coordinating the government's efforts against tick-borne illness.

FERC Accountability Act, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act. Signed into law in December 2014, this bill ensures bureaucrats are held accountable and reasserts Congressional authority over the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and requires it to report quarterly to consumers on actions and costs related to new capacity zones in the Hudson Valley.

REP. MALONEY LEGISLATION PASSED INTO LAW:



The Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2015. Signed into law in May 2015, the bill expands educational training for high ranking Foreign Service Officers and government personnel in order to curb human trafficking at its source and take action before people are trafficked across international borders into the United States.

Critical Support for Highland Falls Schools, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Signed into law in December 2014, this language fixed an artificial cap that prevented the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery School District from getting its full share of aid and that was shortchanging the school district by approximately \$2 million a year.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Signed into law in December 2014, this language ensured that the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, key to regional tourism, could continue operating and accessing federal funding for projects in the Area.

Critical Support for Highland Falls Schools. Passed into law as part of the 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act, the bill included \$3.5 billion in educational support for Highland Falls Schools.

Monroe Post Office. Signed into law in December 2014, this provision renamed the post office in Monroe, NY to honor local hero, Gregg Wenzel, who lost his life in service to his country. This was the first Post Office in the nation to honor a fallen officer of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Bronze Star Contract Audit. Passed as part of the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, the legislation requires the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to begin an audit of the Bronze Star contract within 30 days and issue a report to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs within 180 days. The audit must consider the contracting and evaluation process, accountability requirements, and how the contract cancellation affected the provision of supplies to people in need in Puerto Rico.